

LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT. By R. M. Ballantyne. An interesting and spirited little work. Mr. Ballantyne is well known as a popular writer for youth, and his present work does not detract from his reputation. It is found in the usual style of all boys' works, and has an excellent engraving for a frontispiece.

THE HERITAGE, AND OTHER POEMS. By Edward Rowland Hill. Leypoldt & Holt, Philadelphia Agent: Dumfries Ashmead.

The author who writes the poems before us was unknown to us even by name, until we read it on the title-page; but judging from the first volume of his efforts, we predict for him a brilliant future. All the poems before us are well written. There is none which we may call a really bad one among them, and in many of them there are traces of real genius. Of course, it will require patient practice, but we think Mr. Hill has in him a capability of doing much better than he has done in this excellent little work. There is no greatness in his conception, but there is a fine fancy, and everything runs smoothly. Space will not allow us to make an extract which would do justice, but the following little verse is a sample of the smoothness of the author's metre, although there is no striking novelty in its thought. It is entitled "Time."

"Forenoon and afternoon and night—forenoon— And afternoon and night—forenoon and— what! The empty song repeats itself. No more? Yes, that is life! make this forenoon sublime, This afternoon a psalm, this night a prayer, And time is conquered, and thy course is run!"

We trust we will hear from Mr. Hill again

THE TURK AND THE GREEK. By S. W. G. Benjamin. Hurd & Houghton. G. W. Pritchard.

Mr. Benjamin has selected a topic already worn threadbare by being written and re-written upon for the last two centuries. There are probably no two nations whose manners, customs, religion, and civilization have been as thoroughly discussed as those of the Turks and the Greeks. We therefore cannot give the present author any particular praise for novelty. All that he says has been said before, and if not in as pleasant a style, yet with every material fact. The work is well written. It is full of just estimates of the various characteristics of the peoples of whom he treats. When we say that, we say all that can be said in his praise. He is unfortunate in the choice of a subject, and does not by transcendent merit raise what is old into a new atmosphere. In which it will appear with the relish of novelty. The work is issued with great care and excellent taste by the publishers.

DIARY OF A MILLINER. By Belle Ois, New York: Hurd & Houghton. Philadelphia Agent: G. W. Pritchard.

The diary is a record of the events in the life of a young lady who was unwilling to be dependent, and consequently started a millinery store. It is a very cleverly constructed story, filled with curious and fresh sketches of character as displayed by her customers, and revealing the various means she resorted to in order to sell an article. We must give Miss Ois great credit for the skill she displayed in inducing a wary and penurious purchaser to invest in her dainty wares. The work is rather too full of the doctrine of ethics. She talks about "dual natures," and sometimes attempts to imitate Carlyle and Emerson in the astonishing vagueness and depth of her sentiments. Yet, taken all together, it is a thoroughly pleasant little work. The field she selected is a new one. The ground is all to be broken, and she may claim all the credit of being the first. It is a small volume, and will well repay reading. Published by Hurd & Houghton in their usual tasty style.

HEAVENWARD—EARTHWARD. By Harriet B. McKeever. J. C. Garrigue & Co., Philadelphia.

In the distribution of the prizes offered by Mr. Garrigue for the best story, we think that discretion was shown in awarding it to the volume before us. It is a well-conceived and happily-executed work, filled with select moral teachings, calculated to do good, yet never obtrusive in its efforts to inculcate what is right. It will be a most popular Sunday School work, and most deservedly so. The story is a natural one, full of animation, and in it the way of good and evil is forcibly contrasted. It is very neatly published.

McPHERSON'S POLITICAL MANUAL, 1867. By Hon. Edward McPherson. Philadelphia Agent: T. B. Pugh.

We are heartily glad to see that Mr. McPherson has decided on issuing an annual digest of the politics of the United States. His two previous works are found by us to be of daily use by way of reference, and the volume brings the whole political history of the last seven years down to the end of May. It is a compact and well arranged as well as complete compilation, and we hope it will become a regular addition to our annuals, as the Tribune Almanac, or any of our periodical publications.

TEMPLE HOUSE. By Elizabeth Stoddard. New York: G. W. Carlton & Co. Philadelphia Agent: Dumfries Ashmead.

A novel which is well told, introducing characters not improbable, with a fair variety of detail and a genial style of composition, will pass muster extremely well in these days of worthless fiction. "Temple House" possesses these qualities. It is above mediocrity, and is not absurd. We therefore recommend it. It is not a "Jane Eyre" or a "Rattledge," but an interesting romance, and written with taste and discretion.

THE WOODCLIFF CHILDREN. By Harriet B. McKeever. J. P. Skelly & Co.

We welcome with pleasure the handsome edition of this most popular work which has before us. Its success is already achieved. The young reading public have voted it a "first-rate story," and have patronized it accord-

ingly. Mrs. McKeever is daily winning for herself a high place as a writer for the young, while her publishers are entitled to all praise for their handsome edition of her work.

TRUE STORIES OF THE HISTORY OF SPAIN. TRUE STORIES OF THE HISTORY OF THE SWISS. James Miller. New York. Philadelphia Agent: G. W. Pritchard.

These two works, the commencement of a series of books of instruction for children, are well written, and promise great success for the rest of the series. They combine information with pleasure, and are well calculated to make the reader familiar with historical facts without his being aware—a desideratum much to be desired in works which attempt to teach the young. They are printed in substantial and suitable style by Mr. Miller.

WOODCLIFF. By Harriet B. McKeever. J. P. Skelly & Co.

As a continuation to a certain extent, yet at the same time possessing sufficient distinctiveness to render it interesting as a separate work, we hail "Woodcliff" as the sequel to the "Woodcliff Children." On it rests the author's principal claim to popularity, and its success shows that the claim is built upon a rock. It is a thoroughly pleasant story. We do not propose to again treat of its merits, but commend the excellent manner in which the present edition is published by Mr. Skelly.

—Mr. John Hancock, of Philadelphia, sends us a Commentary on the Constitution of the United States, which is a carefully prepared analysis of the most noticeable features of that instrument, and is well fitted for a text-book in schools. It is cheaply published, and should be generally studied by the masses of the people.

—We have received a pamphlet entitled "A History of the Great Natchez Expedition of 1866, by Captain Cook." It is intended to be an extremely funny work, but we cannot tell its good points, as we are not familiar with Gloucester county, New Jersey. As a local sketch it is probably an excellent work, and doubtless its hits are telling. But we must take them for granted, as it is all lost on a Philadelphian. It is filled with abominable wood-cuts; and if the various names are long file, is entirely too personal to be comical.

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